GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TECHNOLOGY PARK
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a Central scheme to establish technology parks in various States;

(b) if so, the details of such techno-parks established so far in various States, location- wise;

(c) the extent to which these parks are serving the objectives envisaged for them;

(d) the funds allocated to such States in this regard during the last three years;

(e) whether any fresh proposal has been received from any State in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; (g) the action proposed to be taken thereon; (h) If not, whether there is any proposal to set up any techno-park in the North-Eastern States; and (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a to i) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to
(i) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6683 DUE FOR REPLY ON 9.5.2000 REGARDING TECHNOLOGY PARKS.

(a & b) : No Sir. However, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched a scheme entitled `Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs)` in 1984-85 in collaboration with the all India Financial Institutions namely IDBI, IFCI an ICICI.Under this scheme STEPs are established in and around academic and R&D institutions of excellence for promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship among S&T persons. Further, rural/women technology parks are being set up by DST for promoting S&T activities for sustainable development at grass-root level. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is promoting Micropropagation Technology Parks for providing an interface between the research institutes and industry and Biotechnology Park for women to provide opportunities for women entrepreneurs through the application of environment friendly biotechnologies. In addition, Software Technology Parks (STPs) are being promoted by the Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) through the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) to boost software exports using high speed data communication links.

Till 1998-99, 13 STEPs were approved by DST.3 more STEPs were approved during 1999-2000.State-wise break-up of STEPs is given at Annexure-I. Under the rural/women Technology Parks two women Technology Parks have been set up recently one in Garhwal, U.P. and another in Manipal, Karnataka.Two Micropropagation Technology Parks one at Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi and another at National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune have been set up by DBT.A Biotechnology Park for Women has also been set up by DBT at Chennai in collaboration with the State Govt. Location of STPs promoted by the MIT is giver at Annexure- II.

(c & d) : More than 650 enterprises have been promoted through the STEPs and employment for nearly 10,000 persons has been generated. Under STEP scheme no specific funds are allocated for various States.The proposals are submitted by the academic institutions directly. In fact the State Governments also contribute to the establishment of STEPs.The STPs have helped in increasing software exports from the country. The software exports by the STP units have grown from Rs.17 crores in 1991-92 to Rs.6,300 crores in 1998-99. STP units contribute nearly 60% to the national software exports. MIT is not allocating funds to the States or the setting up STPs. It is however, partly funding STPI for setting up STPs jointly in financial participation with the concerned State Govt.

(e,f,g,h & i) : STPs for the States of Assam, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir have already been approved by MIT.

Annexure -I

STATE WISE DISTRIBUTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS PARKS (STEPs)

SI.No. State No. of STEPs Location

1. Andhra Pradesh 1 1) International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials, Hyderabad

2. Bihar 1 1) Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

3. Karnataka 3 1) SJ College of Engineering. Mysore
2) Karnataka Regional Engineering , College, Surathkal
3) Basaveshwar Engineering College,Bagalkot

4. Madhya Pradesh 1 1) Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal

5. Maharashtra 2 1) University of Poona, Pune
2) Jawaharlal Nehru Entrepreneurs Chemical Park, Mumbai

6. Punjab 2 1) Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College , Ludhiana
2) Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala

7 Tamil Nadu 2 1) Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirapppalli
2) PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore

8. Uttar Pradesh 3 1) Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Kanpur
2) University of Roorkee, Roorkee
3) JSS Academy of Technical Education, NOIDA

9. West Bengal 1 1) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur

TOTAL 16

Annexure - II

Location-wise details of STPs in various States are given below:

States	Location
1. Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2. Gujarat	Gandhinagar
3. Karnataka	Bangalore, Mysore, Manipal
4. Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
5. Maharashtra	Navi Mumbai, Pune
6. Orissa	Bhubaneshwar
7 Punjab	Mohali
8. Rajasthan	Jaipur
9. Tamilnadu	Chennai, Coimbatore
10. Uttar Pradesh	Noida

The Governments of West Bengal and Goa have also set-up STPs in their States.